

AO 91 (Rev. 08/09) Criminal Complaint

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

Western District of Texas

United States of America
v.
MARIA ESCOBAR CEDILLO

Case No.

A-10-M-890

Defendant(s)

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

I, the complainant in this case, state that the following is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

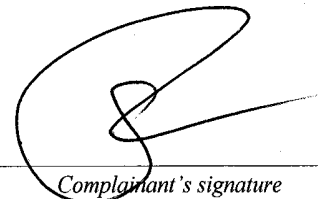
On or about the date(s) of December 21, 2009 in the county of TRAVIS in the
WESTERN District of TEXAS, the defendant(s) violated:

Code Section
42 USC Section 408(a)(7)(B)
18 USC Section 1546

Offense Description
Social Security Number Misuse
Fraudulent Use of Alien Registration Card

This criminal complaint is based on these facts:

See attached affidavit

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Complainant's signature

ANTONIO PUENTE, SPECIAL AGENT

Printed name and title

Sworn to before me and signed in my presence.

Date: 11/15/10City and state: AUSTIN, TX


ROBERT PITMAN
U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE

Printed name and title

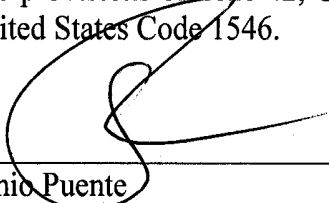
AFFIDAVIT

I, Antonio Puente, having been duly sworn, do hereby state and depose as follows:

1. I am employed as a Special Agent (SA) with the Office of the Inspector General, Office of Investigations, Social Security Administration in San Antonio, Texas. I have been so employed since 2002. In connection with my official duties, I investigate criminal violations of Title 42 of the United States Code involving fraud, waste and abuse of Social Security programs. I also investigate employee misconduct within the Social Security Administration and violations under Title 18 of the United States Code. I have received specialized training in the enforcement of these statutes and have also testified in judicial proceedings and presented for prosecution violations of the above Titles.
2. Based on information provided in this affidavit, I believe there is probable cause to support a finding that Maria Escobar Cedillo (hereafter referred to as ESCOBAR-CEDILLO) has violated the provisions of Title 42, United States Code, Section 408(a)(7)(B) and Title 18 United States Code 1546. Except as explicitly set forth below, I have not, in this affidavit, distinguished between the facts of which I have personal knowledge and facts as to which I have hearsay knowledge. I have not set forth each and every fact learned during the course of this investigation, but simply those facts which I believe are necessary to establish probable cause for issuance of an arrest warrant.
3. On October 27, 2010, during the course of an investigation conducted by the Pflugerville Police Department (PPD), PPD Assistant Chief Jim Mclean informed me that the PPD identified approximately twenty-eight individuals who had obtained employment at the Pflugerville Nursing Home and Rehab Center (PNHRC) located in Pflugerville, TX within the Western District of Texas; using false or fictitious documents including Social Security Cards and Resident Alien Cards. PPD Assistant Chief Mclean further informed that ESCOBAR-CEDILLO was one of the twenty-eight individuals that had obtained employment with the PNHRC. I was provided copies of the documents ESCOBAR-CEDILLO provided when applying for employment. A review of these documents revealed that as a part of the application process, ESCOBAR-CEDILLO provided two forms of identification including a Social Security Card (XXX-XX-6271) and a Permanent Resident Alien Card (A# 095-418-521).
4. On November 12, 2010, I also received Department of Homeland Security U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Employment Eligibility Verification (Form I-9) and Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate (Form W-4); both documents were completed, signed, and dated December 21, 2009 by ESCOBAR-CEDILLO. A review of these documents revealed that ESCOBAR-CEDILLO provided the same SSAN (XXX-XX-6271) on both these forms, claiming that the Commissioner of the Social Security Administration (COSS) issued the SSAN to her. The I-9 revealed that ESCOBAR-CEDILLO provided a Permanent Resident Card (I-551) bearing alien registration number 095-418-521 and a Social Security Card SSAN (XXX-XX-6271), claiming that the numbers had been issued to her. PNHRC made a


photocopy of the Social Security Card bearing the name Maria Escobar Cedillo and SSAN XXX-XX-6271 and Permanent Resident Card bearing the name Maria ESCOBAR-CEDILLO and alien registration number 095-418-521, upon further review it appears that, the Social Security Card and Permanent Resident Card are fictitious or counterfeit documents.

5. On November 12, 2010, DHS ICE Special Agent (SA) Deron Matteson conducted DHS systems searches for alien registration number 095-418-521, ESCOBAR-CEDILLO provided the PNHRC during the application process. SA Matteson explained that alien registration number 095-418-521, was a valid alien registration number assigned to another individual and not assigned to ESCOBAR-CEDILLO.
6. On November 12, 2010, I conducted Social Security Administration systems searches for the above referenced SSAN. I discovered that the SSAN was an invalid SSAN having never been issued by the Commissioner of the Social Security Administration.
7. On or about December 21, 2009, ESCOBAR-CEDILLO, did willfully, knowingly and with intent to deceive, falsely represent a number to be the social security account number assigned by the Commissioner of Social Security to her, when in fact such number is not the social security account number assigned by the Commissioner of Social Security to her, in violation of Title 42, United States Code, Section 408(a)(7)(B).
8. On or about December 21, 2009, ESCOBAR-CEDILLO did knowingly possess, obtain, accept, or received a document, to wit, a Permanent Resident Alien Card (I-551), in the name of Maria ESCOBAR-CEDILLO, prescribed by statute or regulation as evidence of authorized stay or employment in the United States, knowing that document to be forged, counterfeited, altered, or falsely made, or to have been otherwise procured by fraud or unlawfully obtained, in violation of law of Title 18 United States Code 1546.
9. Based on the forgoing, I submit that sufficient probable cause exists to believe that Maria ESCOBAR-CEDILLO has violated the provisions of Title 42, United States Code, Section 408(a)(7)(B) and Title 18 United States Code 1546.



Antonio Puente
Special Agent
Social Security Administration
Office of the Inspector General
Office of Investigations

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roon", followed by a horizontal line.

U.S. Magistrate Judge